



Iowa Status

uncommon; native

Iowa Range

northeast Iowa

Bibliography

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Ozark minnow

Notropis nubilus

Kingdom:	Animalia
Division/Phylum:	Chordata - vertebrates
Class:	Osteichthyes
Order:	Cypriniformes
Family:	Cyprinidae

Features

The Ozark minnow is dusky above with dull, silvery sides and a silver-white belly. It has a dark lateral band extending from the tip of the snout to a faint spot at the base of the tail fin. The mouth is at the tip of the snout. It has prominent eyes that appear large in proportion to the head. The breeding male develops yellowish-orange color on the underside of the body and fins. Adults reach about three inches.

Natural History

The Ozark minnow lives in small lime-rock creeks in Iowa. It is intolerant of muddy water, which limits its distribution in Iowa and threatens its existence throughout its range. It is thought to eat plants and debris. It spawns in May or June.

Habitats

interior rivers and streams